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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL <small>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).</small>	Application Number	09/997,023
	Filing Date	November 30, 2001
	First Named Inventor	R. Sam NIEDBALA et al.
	Group Art Unit	1743
	Examiner Name	Lyle A. Alexander
	Attorney Docket Number	030793-034000

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on June 28, 2007
(Any unamended amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Submission of Formal Drawings

v. ☐ Petition for Three-month Extension of Time

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(e) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(f) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-2380

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

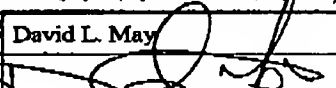
ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed


c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$790.00)

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 300	2001 150	Utility filing fee	
1002 200	2002 100	Design filing fee	
1003 200	2003 100	Plant filing fee	
1004 300	2004 150	Reissue filing fee	
1005 200	2005 100	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 0)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
00	00	X	
Independent Claims	00	X	
Multiple Dependent	X		0

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
1202 30	2202 25	Claims in excess of 20
1201 200	2201 100	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 360	2203 180	Multiple dependent claims, if not paid
1204 200	2204 100	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 50	2205 25	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissuance, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
1053 130	2053 130	Non-English specification
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251 120	2251 60	Extension for reply within first month
1252 450	2252 225	Extension for reply within second month
1253 1,020	2253 510	Extension for reply within third month
1254 1,590	2254 795	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255 2,160	2255 1,080	Extension for reply within fifth month
1401 500	2401 250	Notice of Appeal
1402 500	2402 250	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403 1,000	2403 500	Request for oral hearing
1451 1,510	2451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452 500	2452 250	Petition to revive - unavoidable
1453 1,500	2453 750	Petition to revive - unintentional
1501 1,400	2501 700	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502 800	2502 400	Design issue fee
1503 1,100	2503 550	Plant issue fee
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Sum
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1809 790	2809 395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))
1810 790	2810 395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))
1801 790	2801 395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application

Other fee (specify)

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